new telephone connection and 40 long distance public telephones.

(c) Tawang, Bomdila, Seppa, Ziro, Along, Anini, Itanagar, Naharlagan, Tezu, Khonsa and Passighat are having subscriber trunk dialling facility.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Subscribe trunk dialling facility is planned to be extended to Daporiza and Changlang during the current year.

[Translation]

Service conditions of extra Departmental employees

3863. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the service conditions of the Extra Department Postal Employees and the amount paid to them as salary;

(b) whether their salary is covered under the minimum scale of pay; and

(c) if not, the time by which the Government propose to revise their scale of pay and provide other facilities at par with the other postal employees?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The broad service conditions of Extra Departmental Agents and the amount paid to them are given in the attached statement.

(b) The Extra Department Agents, are not regular employees of the Department. They are paid a consolidated monthly allowance based on their workload. The allowances paid to them are not covered under any pay scale.

(c) As the Extra Departmental Agents are part-time employees of the Department, and are paid a monthly consolidated allowance, the question of revision of their scale of pay and provision of other facilities at par with other full time regular postal employees does not arise.

STATEMENT

A. Broad service conditions of the Extra Departmental Postal Employees: The Extra Departmental system is mainly intended to provide postal facilities in the rural and semi-urban areas of the country where a regular departmental post office can not be opened for want of adequate workload and on cost consideration. They are not regular full time employees of the Department, but are only part-time employees. They are the local residents of the area in which the Extra Department Post Offices exist. They are required to have some independent source of livelihood and the allowances they earn are meant to supplement their basic income which they derive from other sources. Depending upon the workload, the duration of their duty varies from two to five hours per day. The holders of the Posts of Extra Departmental Branch Postmasters and Extra Departmental Sub Postmasters are required to make available accommodation for functioning of the post offices and in lieu thereof they are paid an office maintenance allowance of Rs. 25 per month. They are entitled to a maximum of 180 days leave without allowances. The normal age of superannuation is 65 years. Subject to their fulfilling the prescribed conditions of eligibility with regard to recruitment to regular Group 'D' and Postmen cadres, they are given first preference against outsiders quata of vacancies and thereafter become eligible for all benefits at par with regular postal employees.

B. The amount paid to the Extra Departmental postal employees as allowance: The extra Departmental Agents are paid allowances ranging between a certain minimum and a maximum based on the workload of each category of Extra Departmental Postal employees as indicated below:

	Minimum	Maximum
(1) Extra Departmental Branch Postmasters	Rs.275	Rs.440
(2) Extra Departmental Sub Postmasters	Rs.385	Rs.620

Other Extra Department Agents:—

(1) For less than two hours work	Rs.240/-	
(2) For two hours and above.	Rs.270/-	Rs. 420/-

Apart from the above, the Extra Departmental Agents of all categories are also paid Dearness Allowance at the same rate and frequency at which the regular employees are paid. The ED Agents are also paid Productivity Linked Bonus (PLB) on the basis of their actual emoluments.

[English]

Indo-Bangla Dispute over some Island and Tin Bigha Corridor

3864. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any dispute between India and Bangladesh over some islands and Tin Bigha Corridor;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to solve the dispute?

THE MINISTERS OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c). Bangladesh has laid claim to the Indian Island of New Moore in the Bay of Bengal over which India has and continues to exercise effective soverignty. This issue has figured in bilateral discussions in the past.

There is no dispute between India and Bangladesh on Tin Bigha. We are committed to leasing Tin Bigha to Bangladesh in pursuance of the past agreements. Necessary measures to arrange this as early as possible are underway.

[Translation]

New Telephone Exchanges in Bombay

3865. SHRI HOMAN VISHNU RAWLE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new telephone exchange, likely to be set up in Bombay; and

(b) the time by which these are likely to be set up?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Information is given in the statement attached.

STATEMENT

Details of
Telephone Exchanges Likely to be Set Up in Bombay from 8.8.1991 to 31.3.1992

Sl. No.	Name of the Exchange	Main Extension	Capacity	Likely to be set up during
1.	City-4	Main	18,000	February, 1992
2.	Cuffe Parade RLU	Extension	1,000	November, 1991
3.	Cooperage-6	Main	2,000	March, 1992
4.	Mazgaon-3	Extension	3,000	August, 1991
5.	Mandvi RLU	Main	19,000	October, 1991
6.	Gamdevi RLU	Extension	5,000	February, 1992
7.	Malabar Hill-3	Extension	5,000	December, 1991
8.	Byculla -4	Extension	4,000	January, 1992